

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add on page 1, line 7, the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please rewrite the Abstract on page 18 as follows:

-- Abstract of the Disclosure

Syringe Safety System

A medical injection device is provided which includes a shield system and a syringe. The shield system includes a housing 100, a shield 200-telescopically received in the housing 100-and slidably coupled to the housing and a driver 300-that pushes the syringe stopper 510-to cause drug injection. The driver 300-is equipped with sensing elements 342-that automatically detect empty syringe. A spring 400-resiliently urges the shield 200-from a retracted position to an extended position shielding the needle-530. The syringe is coupled to the housing-100. The shield 200-is positioned externally to the syringe and the driver-300. The shield 200-includes flexible latches 210-to keep its position relative to the housing during storage and use. The axial movement of the driver 300-in respect to the syringe causes an automatic release of the spring 500-by sensors 342-when the syringe is empty, allowing the spring 500-to move and lock the shield 200-in the extended position after use. --